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RE: DOCKET NO: 97N-484S

Dear Sirs:

I am writing you this letter regarding the above referenced issue. I believe that the consideration of regulating bone banks as tissue would greatly complicate and curtail the supply and use of bone products which are used occasionally in my practice for treating patients spinal problems. The regulatory actions that are proposed would greatly add to the cost and most likely situation add to the scarcity of these products. I feel that the current regulations are satisfactory and the current bone banks have a good system to ensure patient safety.

Again I would recommend that you do not follow through with any proposed regulation on the above matter.

Sincerely,

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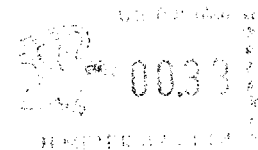
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